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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, no fee is due.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action for Japanese Application 2005-020893, which claims priority to Japanese Application 2004-022156, which corresponds with the present U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and an English-language translation thereof are enclosed.

Copies of the cited references are enclosed. English-language abstracts are provided for references JP-A-2003-320779, JP-A-2003-160273, JP-A-2001-031317, JP-A-2002-003067, JP-A-51-001686, and JP-A-06-156854. An English-language translation is provided for JP-U-62-147650. The relevance of the cited references may be understood from the English-language

translation of the Japanese Office Action, the figures, and the English-language abstracts and translation. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined any of the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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